

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

DAVID A HOOD II,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendants.

Case No. C20-1722 TLF

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES

This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's unopposed motion for attorney fees pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412, the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). Dkt. 16. Plaintiff requests an award of \$4,813.16 in attorney's fees. *Id.* Defendant addressed a minor correction to Plaintiff's calculation due to a scrivener's error. Dkt. 18. Based on the motion and Defendant's calculation correction, the Court GRANTS the motion and ORDERS as follows:

- (1) Plaintiff is granted \$4,809.66 in attorney's fees.
- (2) Subject to any offset allowed under the Treasury Offset Program, as discussed in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), payment of this award shall be sent to plaintiff's attorney Lisa Saar at the address: 5355 Tallman Avenue, NW, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98107.
- (3) Costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920 shall be payable to Lisa Saar via electronic fund transfer or check.

1 (4) After the Court issues this Order, defendant will consider the matter of
2 plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to plaintiff's attorney.
3 Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, the ability to honor the assignment will
4 depend on whether the EAJA fees and expenses are subject to any offset
5 allowed under the Treasury Offset Program. Defendant is directed to
6 contact the Department of Treasury after this Order is entered to
7 determine whether the EAJA attorney fees and expenses are subject to
8 any offset. If the EAJA attorney fees and expenses are not subject to any
9 offset, those fees and expenses will be paid directly to plaintiff's attorney,
10 either by direct deposit or by check payable to plaintiff's attorney and
11 mailed to plaintiff's attorney's address.

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13 Dated this 2nd day of November, 2021.

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Theresa L. Fricke
17 United States Magistrate Judge
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